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Italy Tour & Celebrity Cruise with Flights

Duration: 30 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 17 nights hotels, 1 night ferry cabin, 10 nights cruise cabin

Travel style: Escorted coach tour & Celebrity cruise

Booking code: ITCCR30M

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35 Days Ultimate Italy Tour & Mediterranean Cruise

About the holiday

Enjoy the good life on this Italy tour and Mediterranean cruise combination!

Discover Italy's iconic sights and spellbinding highlights. Explore Rome, Venice, Florence, Sorrento and more. See the Leaning Tower of Pisa and experience the colourful charms of Cinque Terre. Admire the Tuscan countryside and catch a scenic ferry to Sicily - a hotspot for Italian culture and the stunning setting for series two of the acclaimed *White Lotus* TV series. Experience historic cities, ancient monuments, world-famous art and some of the world's most delicious dining.

Then the thrills continue on an ocean voyage aboard Celebrity Constellation. See more of Italy, with stops in Florence, Portofino and have a full day to discover the wonders of Naples. Other stops include Messina in Sicily, Brindisi and Koror in Montenegro. Explore the Croatian ports of Split and Zadar, before the cruise ends in Ravenna and you are transferred to Bologna for an overnight stay

This is one of our popular European tour and cruise experiences. It's everything you want on an Italian and Greek holiday and more!

Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy exploring Italy from land and sea on a seamless combination

Expert tour guides look after you all the way on the 18-night coach tour

Experience the luxuries of a Celebrity cruise on a 10-night Mediterranean voyage

It's amazing value, with all flights included from Australia!

Travel dates

2024 - See our website for the lowest price departures

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Tour & cruise package includes:

Flights

- Return economy airfares from Australia to Rome & from Bologna
- Flights include baggage, airline fees & taxes

Transfers

- Airport & cruise port transfers

Meals

- 28 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 17 dinners

Escorted tour

- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure you get the most from your trip
- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet on board
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Tour local taxes and fees included

Tour accommodation

- 17 nights in hotel rooms, based on twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 1 night on a ferry from Palermo to Naples in a twin cabin with private en-suite

Cruise

- 10 nights Italy cruise, one-way from Rome to Ravenna (near Bologna)
- Choice of cabin aboard Celebrity Constellation
- All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on the ship
- Prepaid gratuities on the ship

*Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company, cruise line
& local operators.*

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Package excludes:

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary
Optional tours & shore excursions
Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.
Tips for tour guides & drivers
Travel insurance is essential
Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

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Experiences & highlights:

- Discover Rome on a guided walking tour
- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Rome
- Take a funicular ride to historic Orvieto
- See the top sights of Venice on an orientation tour
- Stop at Lake Garda; Italy's biggest lake
- Explore Florence; the 'Jewel of the Renaissance'
- Learn about the craft of Italian leather-making
- Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Florence
- Explore the colourful villages of Cinque Terre
- See the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visit the gorgeous hill town of San Gimignano
- Taste Italian wine in Siena
- See Rome by night on a driving tour
- See Mount Vesuvius and explore the ruins of Pompeii
- Visit Matera; an ancient cave city
- Explore Alberobello; famous for its conical houses
- Catch a scenic ferry from mainland Italy to Sicily
- Discover Taormina; a hilltop town in Sicily
- Enjoy dinner at a beachside hotel in Taormina
- Visit Syracuse; a historic Sicilian city
- Explore the Valley of the Temples
- Visit Cefalù; home to Italy's finest beaches
- See the sights on a walking tour of Palermo

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia. Board your flights to Italy

Day 2: Arrive Rome and transfer to hotel and enjoy one-night pre tour in the Italian Capital.

Day 3: Start of tour in Rome

Welcome to Rome; the Eternal City! Meet up with your tour leader at the hotel this morning and prepare for the tour of a lifetime. Then, join a local guide for a guided walking tour to see some of the sites that make Rome famous the world over. See ancient Roman architecture, medieval buildings, Renaissance artworks and more remnants of Rome's illustrious past as capital of this incredible country and the Roman Empire at large. Tonight, taste delicious Italian cuisine and enjoy an included welcome dinner at a local restaurant with your tour group.

Day 4: Rome: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore Rome and discover more of the city's famous sights. Wander the streets, do some shopping and be sure to sample local food.

Alternatively, join the optional excursion to the Vatican City, the world's smallest country and home of the Pope! Visit the Vatican museums and marvel at the artistic masterpieces, as well as Michaelangelo's incredible frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. An expert local guide will provide great insight into the history and significance of this fascinating microstate.

Day 5: Rome - Orvieto - Venice

Leaving the capital behind, drive through the scenic Umbria region and look forward to the truly incredible sight of Orvieto. This small but beautiful city is perched atop a sheer vertical volcanic rock. Take the funicular up to the historic centre and enjoy some free time to explore. See the city's top sights including the 14th-century Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence, and the Albornoz fortress. Next, travel on to Venice! The evening is free. Choose to relax at the hotel or join your tour leader on an optional twilight water taxi cruise of the floating city's iconic canals and see the twinkling lights of Venice!

Day 6: Venice

Start this full day in Venice with an orientation tour led by your tour leader. The rest of the day is free to explore this magical city at your leisure.

A gondola ride, which can be organised by your tour leader, is highly recommended today as no trip to Venice is complete without this quintessential experience! An optional trip further out into the lagoon to visit Murano and Burano is also available today. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses.

Day 7: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany

Today, travel to Florence and the beautiful region of Tuscany. Along the way, stop at the gorgeous Lake Garda. This is the biggest lake in Italy, and a destination that has inspired artists of all persuasions for centuries. On arrival in Florence, join a passionate local guide and explore the iconic sights and landmarks of this magnificent city. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, the city is endowed with a huge variety of Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Next, it's time to visit Leonardo Leather for a leather-making demonstration. Later, enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 8: Cinque Terre - Pisa - Tuscany

This morning, drive north to La Spezia in the Liguria region. This city is the gateway to Cinque Terre; five picturesque fishing villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline.

The harbours are filled with fishing boats, vines climb the terraces and the houses are painted in bright colours. It's a photographer's dream! Each village is linked by hiking trails and a railway, allowing for exploration without any cars or traffic. This afternoon, head back to Tuscany, stopping off on the way at the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa. A highlight of any tour to Italy, enjoy snapping photos of this legendary structure and explore the grounds that include a cathedral and baptistery.

Day 9: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome

Today, the tour makes its way through Tuscany's idyllic countryside. During the drive, admire rolling hills complete with Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves. The first stop is the walled hilltop town of San Gimignano. Known as the 'Town of Fine Towers', San Gimignano is home to incredible Romanesque and Gothic architecture and 14 well-preserved medieval tower houses. Then, drive to Siena; a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for the Palio horse race. Here, taste some local Italian wines. Then, travel back to Rome and round off the day with an included dinner.

Day 10: Rome: Free Day

Welcome back to Rome! Enjoy a free day to explore any of the sights you may have missed on your first visit to this historic city. Later on, meet back up with your tour leader and fellow travellers, including those joining from the Highlights of Southern Italy & Sicily Tour.

Experience Rome by night and explore some of the iconic sights of the Eternal City illuminated in the evening. These sights include the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon on a driving tour. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

Day 11: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Leaving Rome, head to the Sorrento Peninsula, stopping off along the way to see Mount Vesuvius and explore the ancient ruins of Pompeii, destroyed in 79 AD in a catastrophic volcanic eruption. Get transported to a different time and gain fascinating insight into life during the Roman empire during a guided tour. Later this afternoon, settle in for a two-night stay on the Sorrento Peninsula. This area is famous for limoncello (a sweet lemon liqueur); the perfect way to finish off the included dinner this evening!

Day 12: Sorrento Free Day

Enjoy a full free day in Sorrento! A gorgeous old town hugging the coastline, the Sorrento Peninsula is the base for the day. Explore the town in your own time, or choose to join the optional excursion to the famous Isle of Capri. Here, spend some free time exploring the rugged coastline, ancient Roman ruins and stylish piazzas of this glamorous island. A private cruise around the island with swim stops in the island's crystal clear waters is a definite highlight of this trip!

Day 13: Sorrento - Matera - Alberobello

Today, head southeast to explore the southern Italian region of Apulia, taking a comfort stop along the way in the ancient cave city of Matera. Known as "la Città Sotterranea" (the Subterranean City), it is famous for its extensive cave-dwelling districts; the 'sassi'. Later, arrive in Alberobello, and enjoy a walking tour with a local guide to see the region's famous 'trulli' houses. These beautiful 14th-century whitewashed stone huts have iconic conical roofs and are specific to the Itria Valley. This evening, enjoy free time to further explore Alberobello - check out the trullo church of St Anthony and the Trulli Museum!

Day 14: Alberobello - Taormina

This morning, take a coastal drive beside the Ionian Sea before leaving the mainland. Take a short ferry ride over to the island of Sicily; home to the spectacular Mount Etna. Prepare for stunning views as the tour makes its way to Taormina.

Upon arrival, your tour leader will guide an orientation walk of this hilltop town, pointing out some of the highlights that can be explored further on the free day tomorrow. Top attractions include the historic Porta Catania and the Villa Comunale. This evening, get your first taste of Sicilian cuisine with an included dinner at tonight's beachside hotel.

Day 15: Taormina: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to relax on Sicily's beautiful beaches or explore the island's quaint towns. The town of Taormina is one of Italy's most popular summer destinations. Perched on the side of a mountain, Taormina is home to medieval churches, a castle and a Greek amphitheatre.

For those looking to explore further afield on their Italian tour, speak to your tour leader for their recommendations. Options include a Mount Etna day trip, boat tours of the beautiful coastline, paragliding and The Godfather tours.

Day 16: Taormina - Syracuse - Agrigento

Drive through the heart of Sicily, enjoying a visit to the enchanting city of Syracuse along the way. Syracuse is a city that was founded as a Greek colony in 734 BC. Today, it boasts a UNESCO-listed historic centre and beautiful Baroque buildings. Later this afternoon, get your cameras ready for a tour of the 'Valle dei Templi' (Valley of the Temples) led by an expert local guide. This is one of the world's most outstanding examples of Magna Grecia art and architecture! Afterwards, travel to tonight's accommodation near Agrigento.

Day 17: Agrigento - Cefalù - Palermo

Leaving Agrigento this morning, take a scenic drive through central Sicily en route to the town of Cefalù. Embark on an orientation tour of the town before enjoying free time for lunch. This historic town boasts some of Italy's finest beaches so don't miss the chance to enjoy a meal by the sea! Arriving in Palermo in the early afternoon, enjoy a walking tour which will showcase the city's highlights. Founded more than 2,700 years ago by the Phoenicians, Palermo is noted for its history, culture, architecture and food. Top sights on the walking tour include the Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova (The New Gate) and the Cathedral of Palermo.

Day 18: Palermo: Free Day

Make the most of this full day to further explore Sicily's capital. Over the centuries, Palermo has been colonised by many different rulers, including the Greeks, Romans and Normans, making it a melting pot of cultures and architectural styles. Palermo is an enticing mix of ancient relics, Italian history, rich culture and mouth-watering cuisine - it's a fantastic destination for travellers to enjoy.

Revisit top sights from yesterday's tour, explore the historic old town and visit the art galleries. Alternatively, join today's optional excursion to visit some local markets and tuck into authentic Sicilian dishes such as arancini and caponata! This evening, the group will take an overnight ferry back to the Italian mainland.

Day 19: End of tour in Rome Board Mediterranean Cruise

The ferry will arrive in Naples this morning. Continue on the coach with the tour leader and travel back to Rome, where the coach will drop off the group. After unforgettable Italian adventures, the tour concludes back in Rome. You will now transfer to the cruise port to check in for your Mediterranean cruise on Celebrity Constellation.

Date	Port Arrive	Depart
Day 19 Tuesday, September 17	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	5:00pm

Day 20 Wednesday, September 18	Florence / Pisa (Livorno), Italy 7:00am	7:00pm
Day 21 Thursday, September 19	Portofino, Italy 7:00am	7:00pm
Day 22 Friday, September 20	At Sea	
Day 23 Saturday, September 21	Naples, Italy 7:00am	6:00pm
Day 24 Sunday, September 22	Messina, Sicily, Italy 7:00am	4:00pm
Day 25 Monday, September 23	Brindisi, Italy 10:00am	7:00pm
Day 26 Tuesday, September 24	Kotor, Montenegro 8:00am	6:00pm

Date	Port Arrive	Depart
Day 27 Wednesday, September 25	Split, Croatia 8:00am	5:00pm
Day 28 Thursday, September 26	Zadar, Croatia 8:00am	6:00pm
Day 29 Friday, September 27	Ravenna, Italy 6:00am	

Day 29: Stay in Bologna

Your cruise arrives into Ravenna at 6.00 am where you be met and transferred to Bologna in Italy. Overnight Bologna.

Day 30: Depart Italy for Australia

Enjoy your last Italian breakfast, prior to being transferred to the airport for return flights to Australia.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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Cruise ports

Florence / Pisa (Livorno), Italy

Home to the Italian Naval Academy, Livorno is one of the country's most important ports. Visit the Terrazza Mascagni, a plaza that overlooks the Ligurian Sea, then make the 15-mile trip northeast to Pisa. This province is known for its Leaning Tower, but other monuments in the same complex, including the Baptistery of San Giovanni, are worth exploring. Florence, located 60 miles east of Livorno, is home to the Uffizi, which boasts the works of artists like da Vinci, and the Accademia Gallery, where you can see Michelangelo's David statue. While the Duomo cathedral casts a domineering presence on the Florentine skyline, it's equally impressive up close, its colourful façade adorned with intricate artwork and lifelike statues. Excursions into the Tuscan countryside allow you to tour vineyards, sample wines and hunt for truffles.

Portofino, Italy

Tucked into a rocky coastline, dotted with brightly painted boats and crowned with a hillside of richly coloured buildings, Portofino is a picture-perfect harbor. Passengers typically are dropped off at the waterfront's cobblestone square with the sidewalk cafes and choice boutiques just steps away. Hillside climbs reward visitors with magnificent views, and a hidden staircase behind the Church of San Giorgio leads to a splendid castle.

Naples, Italy

Naples is a cultural centre filled with classical Greek and Roman style architecture and bursting with extraordinary art, from modern street murals to ancient works. Take a tour through the city itself, where you can enjoy an authentic slice of Neapolitan pizza as you stroll along cobblestone streets, or branch out to nearby locales for some can't-miss excursions.

Naples is a jumping-off point for outings to Pompeii, a village preserved in ash from the A.D. 79 eruption of Mount Vesuvius-the still-active volcano that serves as a backdrop for Naples-as well as treks to the Amalfi Coast, one of the most breathtaking shorelines in the world. At the entrancing Isle of Capri, a short boat

trip across the Gulf of Naples, you can take a chairlift to the islet's highest point for bird's-eye views or tour the famed Blue Grotto natural sea cave.

Messina, Sicily, Italy

Sitting on the western shore of its namesake strait, this port serves as the gateway to Sicily, the isle just off Italy's "boot." Major attractions include Piazza del Duomo's cathedral and adjoining bell tower, which houses the world's largest astronomical clock; a 12th-century church; and a regional museum with works from Caravaggio. Shore excursions embark to Sicilian sites like hillside Taormina's ancient Greek theatre or the rumbling Mount Etna. Rich soil makes the area an ideal grape-growing spot, so some tour-goers sip wine in the shadow of Europe's highest volcano. For seaside splendour, take a boat out to Isola Bella, known as the Pearl of the Ionian Sea. Themed excursions for "The Godfather" trilogy lead movie buffs to filming locations, while history aficionados will be enchanted with tales of deserted Tindari.

Brindisi, Italy

For many years, the town of Brindisi, situated on the southern Adriatic coast, has been a gateway for travellers in southern Italy, Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean. Here visitors can see traces of Roman history, as well as restored medieval churches and the Duomo, a 12th century cathedral. Brindisi province also boasts several pleasant sandy beaches and small bays for relaxing excursions on the water.

Kotor, Montenegro

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the old town of Kotor blends history with jaw-dropping beauty. Guided walks through its intimate streets bring you to landmarks like St. Tryphon Cathedral, built in 1166, and the Maritime Museum, which chronicles Montenegro's rich seafaring heritage. The city is surrounded by fortress walls, and a roughly 90-minute round-trip trek to St. Ivan's Castle at the top affords views of the Bay of Kotor. This dazzling body of water can be explored on kayaking expeditions and boat rides to Our Lady of the Rocks, a man-made island that's home to a church and museum. An excursion to a family-run farm teaches you about olive oil production as you indulge on prosciutto, cheese and wine. Neighbouring areas worth visiting include Jaz Beach; Budva, one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic coast; and the Lustica Peninsula, where you can discover the luminous setting of the Blue Grotto cave.

Split, Croatia

Split is a busy port with numerous ferries operating to and from nearby islands. It is also a popular resort with beaches and pleasant promenades. Venetian, Gothic and Renaissance houses and several medieval churches add architectural interest. A must-see is the old town within Diocletian's Palace.

Zadar, Croatia

Charming beaches and promenades, preserved ancient architecture, and historical monuments, make Zadar a hidden gem of the Adriatic. Julius Caesar and Augustus influenced the urban architecture of aqueducts, forums, and temples surrounding the "old town" of medieval churches and monasteries. Standing tall with a massive domed rotunda, St. Donatus' Church is known as the symbol of the city and holds some of the finest Dalmatian metal-works to date. Visit one of the many museums including the Archaeological Museum. With over 80, 000 exhibits from the Stone Age to the late Middle Ages, this museum is considered one of the most important in Croatia. The waters around Zadar are popular yachting sights, along with other water activities like sailing and windsurfing. Theatre and art are an important cultural facet, and performances are often held in its ancient structures, such as the traditional music evenings in St. Donatus.

Ravenna, Italy

Located on the Adriatic, the city is renowned for the mosaic decoration of its Byzantine churches and tombs. The mosaics of the Tomb of Galla Placida and the Basilica of St. Apollinaris are among the most famous throughout Europe because of their striking and varied colours.

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